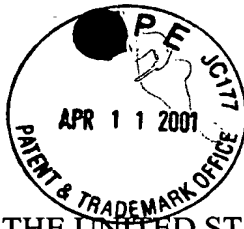


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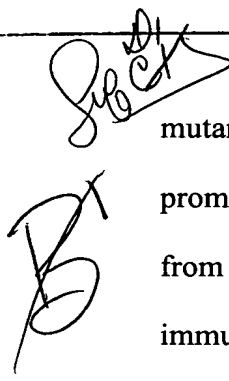
SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 11, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

Page 26, replace the text beginning at line 12 with the following paragraph:

 --The HIV-1IIIB isolate was the source of the full-length env gene and the ΔV3 loop mutant cloned in the pSCII-based vector under the control of a synthetic early/late vv promoter (Earl et al, 1990, Removal of cryptic poxvirus transcription termination signals from the human immunodeficiency virus type 1 envelope gene enhances expression and immunogenicity of a recombinant vaccinia virus. *J Virol.* 64:2448-2451). The vv-ΔV3 mutant with the Δ297-329 deletion (Wyatt, R.M. et al, *J. Virol.* 66:6997-7004, incorporated by reference herein in its entirety) was constructed by ligation of fragments obtained by PCR